

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, an affiliation of 100 fraternal benefit societies and more than 10 million members, has designated June 9 through June 14, 2003, as Fraternal Week; and,

Whereas, The fraternal benefit system performs many religious, charitable, patriotic, and benevolent activities through its societies and local units; and,

Whereas, The local units of these societies and their members render great service to our state and nation through civic and patriotic projects; and,

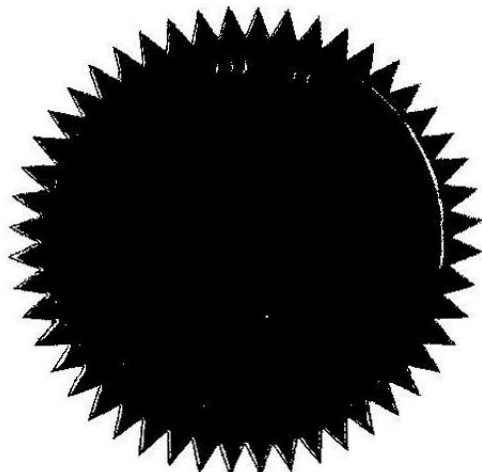
Whereas, The fraternal benefit societies have long proclaimed their patriotism and celebrate Fraternal Week through the special observance of Flag Day, June 14, and are a part of the national Fraternal Flag Day Foundation; and,

Whereas, The National Fraternal Congress of America calls upon leaders of all its societies to apprise the nation of the ideas and objectives of the fraternal benefit system and to unite in observance of Fraternal Week and Flag Day:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 9 through June 14, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens to lend their support and show their appreciation of the contributions made by the fraternal benefit system.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State